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Taxing Youth Hostel Talked Before County Assessors' Meeting

The Franklin County Assessors Association held a meeting on Monday at Deerfield Academy at which State Commissioner of Taxation was present to talk on tax matters and conduct a forum. There was some discussion relative to taxing Youth Hostel property, but Long pointed out this movement is incorporated and in most instances the property is not taxable. If, he noted, it is found that great profits are being made, or the income used for purposes other than incidental to operation, an assessment may be made.

Attending the meeting from Northfield were Assessors Ernest Parker, Clifford A. Field and Fred S. Merrifield, also Charles F. Slate, tax collector. Mr. Field was named to the nominating committee and Mr. Parker was chosen a member of the Executive committee for the year. Harold C. Pomeroy of Sunderland was elected President; Clarence W. Hayden of Orange, vice-president, and Benjamin Stebbins of Deerfield, secretary-treasurer.

There were fifty assessors and ten tax collectors at the meeting. Many important matters were considered. Long said assessors and collectors will be able to make out tax bills immediately after the annual February and March meetings in 1940 since there will be no further appropriations or annual meeting of the legislature. He predicted the best tax record in the history of the state at the close of next year.

Frank B. Holton

Frank B. Holton, 84, of West Northfield, died at noon, Friday, Dec. 15, at his home, following a long period of failing health.

In Mr. Holton's early life he worked for about 20 years on the railroad. Then becoming tired of railroading he purchased a farm in West Northfield. This he worked until failing health caused him to give up several years ago.

Mr. Holton was born Feb. 16, 1855 in Northfield, the son of Roswell and Mary A. (Sheldon) Holton.

Surviving are his widow, the former Stella Strange of this town, whom he married Aug. 7, 1893; two children, Ralph B. Holton with whom he made his home, and a daughter, Mrs. Theodore Darby of Uxbridge, Ct., formerly of this town. There are six grandchildren, Joseph, Clinton, Ruth and Vera Holton, and Theodore and Merna Darby.

Mr. Holton was a member of the Congregational church, Harmony lodge of Masons and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services were held at the house Monday with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating. There was a Masonic committal service at the grave. Burial was in the West Northfield cemetery.

Neighborhood Party

More than thirty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Putnam on Ashuelot road, last Tuesday evening for a Christmas party.

Amidst the candle glow, the spirit of the Christmas-tide was felt as the company joined in the singing of Christmas carols led by Rev. Mr. Carne and a group of Christian Endeavorers from E. Northfield.

Refreshments were served after which games were played. The guests departed leaving the best of yuletide wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Putnam.

Roll Call Workers Red Cross Campaign Profusely Thanked

Chairman A. P. Fitt of the Northfield Red Cross Roll Call committee has received a most appreciative letter from John W. Haigis of Greenfield, who is the county Roll Call chairman, for the excellent work done by members of the local committee and the splendid results.

In the entire county, the amounts of money secured for this year has exceeded past efforts and it is hoped that the total will exceed \$8,000.

Mr. Haigis says in his letter, "I want to express my appreciation to you for the fine cooperation you gave me by organizing and directing your work so efficiently. I wish I might personally thank your workers for the time and effort they contributed to enrolling members. To these workers belong much of the credit for the success of the Roll Call and I would like to ask you to extend to them my appreciation for their splendid service. We all realize the tremendous war relief work the Red Cross is doing, and I am confident that all of us who were responsible for the Roll Call this year, are gratified that we have had a part in enabling the American Red Cross to mitigate the suffering of humanity in war-torn Europe."

Northfield is gratified with the results of the 1939 Roll Call, and Mr. Fitt and his committee have accomplished a fine work.

Mrs. Janet Leslie

After a long period of illness and suffering, Mrs. William Leslie, passed away in death on Friday morning of last week. Her husband died in 1932 and since that time she had engaged in business by conducting a small notion store in the Buffum building in East Northfield. She was 68 years of age and was born in Scotland. She came to Northfield about 30 years ago. She was a member of the local chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Congregational church. Surviving are one son, Clinton Leslie of Trenton, New Jersey.

The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Kipper Funeral Parlor with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating, and burial was in the Center cemetery.

Mrs. Kipling Dies

Readers of the daily papers on Wednesday, noted the news from London, Eng., of the death of Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, 73, widow of the author and poet at her home in Sussex. She was the daughter of H. Walcott Baestier of New York and was married in 1892 in London. They had three children, two daughters and a son, Lieut. John Kipling, who was killed in the World War. Rudyard Kipling died in January, 1938.

The interesting fact in connection with this death notice, is that after her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Kipling came to America and while visiting her brother, at Brattleboro, Mr. Kipling was so pleased with the locality that he built a home. They lived in Brattleboro for four years, where Mr. Kipling did much writing, but left suddenly with his wife to return to England after quarrels with her brother Beatty. They never came back. Older residents hereabouts may recall the episode and even now visitors to Brattleboro are taken and shown the beautiful home, where once Rudyard Kipling and his wife made their home.



"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

And in despair I bowed my head;
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;
'For hate is strong
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth and good will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong will fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

New Books At Library Added To Circulation

The trustees of the Dickinson Library announce the following additions to the shelves for circulation among readers.

Adult Literature: Moments in Peking, Lin Yu Tang; Autobiography of William Lyon Phelps; Wind, Sand and Stars, Daniel Boone-Bahelers; Sacramento River, Dana; Kennebec River, Coffin; Upper Mississippi, Haverhurst; Best Plays, '38, '39, Mantle.

Fiction Books: Western Union, Grey; City of Gold, Young; Across the Years, Hill; Stranger Within the Gates, Hill; Goodly Fellowship, Chase; Sea Island Lady; Sister of the Angels, Goudge; Dr. Hudson's Journal, Douglas; Sea Tower, Walpole; Not One of Us, Grieg; Capt. Abby and Capt. John, Coffin; Arundel, Roberts; William's Room, Rosman; Free and Clear, McIntyre; Edge of Beyond, Hendry; Patricia, Hill; Sown Among Thorns, Dell; March to Quebec, Roberts; Again the River, Morgan; Tar Heel Editor, Daniels.

Juvenile Books: Bambi's Children, Salten; Runner of the Mountain, Robinson; Drina Queen Victoria, Flexner; Tom Jefferson, Monnell; Sue Barton, Senior Nurse, Boylston; Sue Barton, Visiting Nurse, Boylston; Tom Sawyer Grows Up, Wood; The Lone Eagle, Dixon; Anne of Ingleside, Montgomery; Around Mulberry Hill, Alessius; Our Family, Adet Lin; Wizard of Oz, Baum; Rumpelstiltskin, Palten; Ugly Duckling, Disney; Little Grey Collar, Hawkins; The White Goat, Sari; Fair Play, Leaf; Invitation to Fun, Hart; Home-made Dolls, Jordan; Crunch the Squirrel, Bond; Mrs. Goose, Adams.

Holiday Rail Rates

Round trip railroad fares of one cent per mile in coaches will be offered by the Boston and Maine railroad and the Maine Central railroad on the day preceding and on Christmas and New Year's Day, it is announced by J. W. Riemer, vice-president in charge of traffic. The bargain-priced tickets, believed to be the lowest-priced rail fares ever offered for Christmas and New Year's travel will be good between any two points on the two northern New England railroad systems.

The Boston and Maine and the Maine Central will also join with the combined plan of other New England railroads in offering round-trip fares at two cents per mile good on the going trip any time between Dec. 20 and Jan. 1 and good returning any time up to and including Jan. 10. These tickets will be sold generally by all New England railroads to points in the eastern territory.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Wednesday evening, with a large attendance of members.

County Polish Relief Amounts To \$1343.87

The Polish relief committee which has conducted a campaign in Franklin county to secure funds for relief purposes in Poland, has completed its effort and the sum secured and announced on Tuesday is \$1,343.87. Rev. John Kusza of South Deerfield has headed the committee of workers and the results are highly satisfactory. The money will be cabled abroad immediately so that Polish refugees might be aided at this Christmas season. These refugees are found in Lithuania, Hungary and Rumania. On Christmas day a High Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Deerfield street, Greenfield, for all workers in the campaign.

Crossnore Greetings

"Greetings from Crossnore and many thanks to you and our friends in Northfield for the gifts you sent to us. There is a tender feeling in our hearts for the many friends who send us needed gifts," so writes Mrs. Ada Stafford Wetmore, the sales secretary to Mrs. Hoehn in appreciation of the boxes received by freight from Northfield. Each week sees a large truck load of goods arrive, contributed by friends of Crossnore. Everything is used and needed on the campus among the children and in the salesroom. Crossnore is indeed a worthy institution, with so many and varied interests in its undertakings.

Hostel Ski Trains

According to announcement in the AYH Knapsack, now being distributed, arrangements are being made for special "ski trains" for Northfield and for Meredith, N. H. hotels. From Boston on January 5-7, the train will leave Friday the 5th at 4:30, due at Meredith at 7:30. Return is on Sunday. From New York, January 12-14, the Yankee express will leave New York at 5:10, the 12th, and due in East Northfield at 12 p. m. Returning, leaves Northfield Sunday at 4:53 p. m. A special car on each train will be reserved for hostel members who will spend their time at the local hostel. Let us hope that there will be sufficient snow and of the right kind for the visitors profit.

Private School Holiday

With the departure of the Seminary and Mount Hermon students for their Christmas vacations last week Thursday, other schools also closed, including Deerfield Academy and Stoneleigh-Prospect on the same day. Eaglebrook school at Deerfield closed for the holiday on Tuesday and Bement school on Wednesday. Nearly all the colleges hereabouts also closed for the holiday vacation last week Friday.

Northfield Prepares For Winter Sports; Hotel Issues Folder

The Northfield Hotel has just issued a new folder announcing the program of winter sports for the season of which it is a center. Thousands of these folders have gone out in circulation among people who enjoy the sports and appreciate a comfortable home during their outing days. The folder bears a picture of the hotel and the Chateau, and of familiar scenes hereabout, showing skiing, skating, tobogganing, snowshoeing, sleigh-riding, etc.

Interior views of the hotel are given, listing some of the social activities. The folder provides most interesting reading and is an urgent invitation to spend the winter season in Northfield. The booklet also lists many facilities for skiing and the places with their length and condition of the trails. Skating will be on the pond off Highland avenue and the toboggan chute on the grounds of the hotel has already been erected.

In talking with Manager Gordon Moody, a Press representative found him very optimistic over the season's outlook and that he was preparing to care for a large number of guests at Christmas and also over the New Year holiday. The interior of the hotel is decorated with Christmas greens and lights and with its burning fireplaces, presents the picture of comfort and homeliness. In the dining room, is a reduced facsimile of a Vermont sugar farm, complete in every detail, with house, barns, sheds, woods and the sugaring outfit. The saw mill is in evidence and the piles of finished lumber indicate that the farmer has profited by the hurricane. This week the replica, about eight feet square will be changed with other scenes. The work is the product of Philip Porter.

The Northfield hotel with its traditional New England hospitality wins its success in the satisfaction assured its patrons. The hotel is a valuable asset to this community.

Station Caroling Each Day This Week

Visitors to Boston this week, making the journey by train and taking advantage of the low excursion rates of the Boston and Maine Railroad, arrive at the North Station to find a large crowd participating in a pre-Christmas caroling. Everybody for the time being in the station joins in the singing to the accompaniment of a Hammond electric organ and the leadership of Bill Elliott, the singing "cop." The singing is being recorded and is broadcast in the evening over WEEI. Several visitors from this town were much impressed with the program.

Thrilling Entertainment

Story value and acting performances are counted on in "Everything Happens at Night" more than in any of Sonja Henie's previous productions. A completely different type of story for the famous skating star and queen of the ice, the screen play by Art Arthur and Robert Harari is filled with love and laughter, and mysterious danger, too. It's a timely tale of modern intrigue, with the added attraction of Sonja's matchless artistry on silver blades and slippery skis.

Ray Milland and Robert Cummings are featured as Sonja's leading men in the attraction which opens Sunday at the Latchis theatre, Brattleboro. Because it is essentially a story picture, Irving Cummings, known as an "actor's director" was selected by Darryl F. Zanuck for the megaphone. The cast includes Maurice Moscovitch, Leonid Kinskey, Alan Dinehart and Fritz Feld.

Garden Books Ready

The Library Committee of the local Garden Club have concluded their purchase of books for the Garden Club Library and these books are now at the Dickinson Library ready for circulation among the members. The list contains some very interesting and practical editions and they will be in much demand.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to all for the many expressions of sympathy in our sorrow.

Mrs. Stella M. Holton
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Holton and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Darby and Family

Help Finland Now! Your Contribution Will Aid In Relief

The Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., of New York has been formed and speedily organized, headed by former President Herbert Hoover to give immediate aid to the Finnish people. The Northfield Press will receive any local contributions and forward them immediately to the office of the fund in New York City. Editors of newspapers are enlisting in the campaign and Mr. Hoehn has received the following message upon his acceptance of a willingness to serve:

"It is certainly stimulating to our organization to have your acceptance of Herbert Hoover's suggestion that you co-operate in securing financial support for this fund from your community through your paper. Mr. Hoover has asked us to express to you his appreciation and that of his associates for your generous response."

Mr. Hoover's first public message has been made, from which we quote:

"America has a duty to do its part in the relief of the hideous suffering of the Finnish people. Our people should have an outlet in which to express their individual and practical sympathy. I have consented to organize a nation-wide Finnish Relief Fund for this purpose."

"I appeal to the American people for its support. Finland is not a rich country. The people have little reserve for emergency. They are making a heroic defense. Air attacks have compelled evacuation of civilians from their towns and cities. Hundreds of thousands of women and children have been driven from their homes in the middle of northern winter. Many are already, and more will be, refugees outside of their own country. Many are destitute. Others are without adequate shelter, clothing and food. This Fund is for the purpose of serving these broad needs."

"The American Red Cross has appealed for funds to furnish medicine, hospital supplies, and many garments will be provided through their chapters. They should be supported. The two funds will co-operate fully."

"I fully realize the present needs of many of our own people, and also the needs of the Polish people as well, the committee of which I am a member. I would not wish any contributions to this fund for Finland to lessen the support of all these needs."

"But in this time of our sorrow and sympathy for the plight of Finland, America should also make sacrifices for them."

"Owing to the urgency of the matter, I have asked an unusual service of the newspapers of the country. That they should sponsor the fund in their localities. That they should accept and acknowledge contributions through their columns. I hope that the people in each locality will co-operate with and aid their paper."

Checks for contributions should be made payable to Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., and sent to Mr. Hoehn, Editor, Northfield Press, who will forward them immediately and receipts returned from headquarters. Contributions may also be left with Mrs. Walter Hyde at the Bookstore. A local committee will be named later.

Russell Found Guilty

In district court at Greenfield last Friday morning, Thomas J. Russell, Jr., 20, of Northfield was found guilty of operating so as to endanger and was fined \$20 by Judge Abner S. McLaughlin.

The charge was the result of an accident Nov. 25 in which Leon Pratt, 65, was injured when his horse-drawn wagon was struck by a car operated by Russell. The fine was suspended pending an appeal.

Their Fifth Birthday

The annual Christmas reunion to celebrate the fifth birthday of the youth hostel movement will be held Dec. 27 to Jan. 1. Townspeople are invited to enjoy with the hostellers the showing of colored movies of Poland, Finland, and Jugoslavia taken this past summer by the leader of the pioneer group to the Balkans; movies of skiing in the Chilean Andes, and of colorful Mexico; folk dancing, and singing. A notice giving the time of various events of the reunion will be posted in the post office next week.

Mrs. Walter W. Gethman and daughter of Winchester Road are on a visit with friends in New York during the holidays.

Entertains Children The Fortnightly Had A Christmas Party

At the town hall last Friday evening the Christmas party of the Fortnightly was given with an attendance that thoroughly appreciated the evening's program. Dr. Raymond Kimmoth delighted with his feats of magic and drew waves of applause. The club's choral group sang and led in the singing of Christmas carols. Gifts brought by members of the club were given to the Health Council for distribution throughout the town. The Christmas party was indeed a real success. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. John T. Holden, Mrs. Ray Thompson, Miss Gibson and Miss Pearson.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly is scheduled for Friday afternoon, Jan. 5 in Alexander hall, and will consider hobbies as the subject. Miss Maud Hamilton will preside assisted by Miss Meriman and Miss Braley. The tea hostesses are Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Billings and Mrs. George Davis.

Northfield Girl Scouts Plan Holiday Dance

An outstanding event of Christmas week will be the second annual holiday dance given by the Northfield Girl Scout Committee, with Mrs. Robert Abbott chairman. The dance will be in the town hall, Wednesday evening, December 27. Music will be furnished by Dick Minott's orchestra. Proceeds will go towards a general fund for Girl scouting in Northfield. The hall will be decorated by the husbands of the members of the dance committee.

Mrs. Ross Spencer and Mrs. Louis Abbey comprise the punch committee and will be assisted by Girl scouts, Arlene Finch, Ruth Dawe and Portia Chamberlain of troop one and Fay Warnock, Winifred Drown and Janet Kehl of troop two.

Mrs. Samuel Truesdell has charge of tickets. Publicity is being handled by Mrs. Vernal Hurlburt and checking will be managed by Mrs. Marshall Lanphear. The patron and patroness committee are Mrs. William Marshall, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Dean Williams and Mrs. Vernal Hurlburt.

Patrons and patronesses of the dance are Mr. and Mrs. Louis Abbey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avery, Mr. and Mrs. John Bassette, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Briemaster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bufum, Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb, Miss Priscilla Colton, Miss Mary Dalton, Dr. and Mrs. W. Wilton Dean, Donald Finch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fish, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt, Harry Gingras, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Goodspeed, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Hurlburt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kehl, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Linphar, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Montague, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ripley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. William Slate, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Truesdell, Mrs. Jennie Warnock, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Williams, and Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright.

The public are invited to attend this dance and tickets are on sale at the usual places or from the Girl Scouts.

Northfield chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will meet in Masonic hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 27. The annual reports will be given at this time and officers elected for 1940.

Eastern Star Annual

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TOWN TOPICS

The Sunday schools of No. 3 and No. 4 schools will have their Christmas tree exercises this Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at No. 4 school. All are invited.

The Galford saw mill on the Northfield-Warwick road closed down last Saturday as their contract was completed. Mr. Galford and his men will return to their homes in West Virginia.

Miss Mira B. Wilson, Principal of Northfield Seminary has taken thirty pounds of wool to be made into children's sweaters for war refugees from the Red Cross war relief directed by Miss Koch of the County Chapter.

Mrs. A. F. Bennett has returned to her home at Northfield Farms after a visit with her son, John and family in Philadelphia. Her sister, Mrs. Dudley Taylor has taken an apartment in New York for the winter.

The opening of the stores every evening this week in both Greenfield and Brattleboro, attract many of our citizens to those towns and incidentally to a patronage of the theatres.

Miss Fanny C. Hatch is leaving Springfield next Tuesday to spend the remaining days of the winter season at St. Petersburg, Florida. Her address will be 620 Mound Parkway, So.

Wells Miller of Brattleboro died at Memorial Hospital last Monday at the age of 48, after a brief illness. Although a resident of the Vermont town, he frequently visited Northfield because he had an interest in the Northfield Washed Sand and Gravel Co., located along the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad in West Northfield.

There will be no special observance of the President's birthday here, in the arrangement of any special function to aid the infantile paralysis campaign. The committee of local citizens, who served in previous years will probably again unite in a single effort for the county with a ball or entertainment at Greenfield.

Any citizen of this town, who is interested in the welfare of disabled veterans of the World war in this state, is invited to contribute for their Christmas remembrances, to a fund being raised by subscription. Send gifts to Allan Forbes, Treasurer, State Street, Boston, Mass., or confer with the Commander of the local American Legion.

The sum of \$210 has been secured in the roll call of the American Red Cross at Mount Hermon by the committee of which Roy R. Hatch was chairman. This is a fine showing and deserving of a compliment.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright will spend the Christmas holiday with their daughter and family at their home at Greenwood. Miss June Wright will also join the family party.

The Editor of the Press regrets that last week's edition was entirely sold out and that there are no extra copies available.

Miss Susanna Wilder is spending her holiday vacation from Smith college, with her parents here.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held their regular monthly supper and meeting last Tuesday evening with a good attendance. All present greatly enjoyed the moving picture "Safari on Wheels."

Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins will spend the Christmas season in New York with her son and family and the younger sons will go to Washington to visit their father, Harry C. Hopkins.

Ernest Bolton is at his home here from Syracuse University for the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton.

Gordon Carr is enjoying the vacation from Mount Hermon with a stay at the home of his father, George W. Carr on Winchester Road.

Dr. Richard G. Holton attended the regular December meeting of the Franklin County Dental Society at the Hotel Weldon in Greenfield last Friday evening when the guest speaker was Dr. Adams of Keene.

Miss Lucille L. Bolton of this town and Miss Lois Pyper of Mount Hermon, students at Green Mountain Junior college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., are enjoying the holiday vacation at their homes here.

Martin A. Aher of Brattleboro has 35 years of service as a conductor to his credit on the Central Vermont Railroad. He is on trains 712 and 717 which runs between White River Junction and East Northfield. He is entitled to five stars and two bars on his left sleeve.

The annual winter carnival at the Massachusetts State college is being arranged for February 16 and 17, and "skatin', skatin', sleighin', and snow-shoein'" will headline the sports program to which the students of Northfield and Hermon are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell of Lewiston, Maine, and their daughter, Virginia, of Mount Holyoke college, will spend the Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt in a family gathering.

In a spelling bee at the Garden theatre in Greenfield last week women of the Northfield Grange, Thursday evening, between men Miss Helen Conley of the local of the Bernardston Grange and Grange and a member of the Hostel staff was the victor. The women on the local team were, beside Miss Conley, Miss Edna Grodman, Miss Elizabeth Braley, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Mrs. Albert Allen and Mrs. Clifford Holton.

Thomas E. Elder of Alton, N. H., and formerly of Mount Hermon was re-elected President of the New England Holstein Association last week at Brattleboro. He will also represent the association in the National organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate of the local Youth Hostel have received some 46 reservations from members who will spend the Christmas week here.

The Sunday school entertainment observing Christmas at the Congregational church will be held this Friday afternoon and evening.

Harold Briesmaster and Robert deVeer are enjoying their vacation season at their home at Valley Vista.

Don Sutherland, a student at Wesleyan at Bucannon, West Virginia, is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland of Parker street.

The Misses Helen Conley, Helen Detweiler, Martha Hoagland, and Ida Sheldon, of the Hostel, are members of the Greenfield Choral Club whose Christmas concert, featuring Handel's "Messiah", was given last Sunday afternoon in the Congregational Church of Greenfield.

It is said that skating is to be prohibited on Wampanoag Pond, inasmuch as the ice is to be cut and used for refrigeration. The carelessness of skaters has demanded strict health precautions.

Miss Mary Hope Chaney, of the Youth Hostel who was reported as badly injured in an accident while out with her bicycle a week ago last Sunday and was taken to the Franklin County hospital is said to be improving. Her mother arriving here from St. Louis last week remains at her side.

Alumni Secretary Frank E. Dunn of Mount Hermon was the speaker at the men's club last Sunday morning at the Second Congregational church in Greenfield.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones has been named as the Chaplain of the Vernon Grange and was recently inducted into the office at the recent public installation.

Joe Butynski, who is employed at Rye, N. Y., has spent a few days at his home here on a visit with his mother.

There are 534 girls registered at the Northfield Seminary this season, and of these 215 are related to former students at either Hermon or the Seminary.

The Christmas tree exercises, of the Vernon Union church, of which Rev. Ellis E. Jones is pastor, will be held this Friday evening in the church.

The following teachers at Center school have left town to spend their Christmas vacations: Walter Harding, to Bridgewater; Miss Helen Pearson, to Middleboro; Miss Elizabeth Braley, to Putney, Vt., and Miss Glenna Gibson, to Turners Falls.



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Church Services

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school. There will be no morning preaching service, but instead there will be the service of worship beginning at 7:30 in the evening, when about 40 young people will present the "Consecration of Sir Galahad" and the realization of his spiritual dream before the altar of the Christ. To this service Northfield people generally are invited.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10. At 11, a Christmas Sunday morning service with special anthems by the choir; the sermon subject: "The World Looks to Bethlehem." At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service. At 4:30, vesper service at the church when Christmas carols and anthems will be sung by the congregation, the choir, and children. At 7, young people meet at the church, preparatory to a carol sing at the homes of the shut-ins.

Tuesday at 3, weekly Bible class at the home of Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:45, the weekly C. E. prayer service.

Thursday at 7:30, weekly prayer service followed by choir rehearsal.

TOWN TOPICS

Today, Friday, the 22nd, the shortest day of the year. Will the cold now begin to strengthen inasmuch as winter has officially begun?

Mrs. E. F. Howard who has been visiting her son and family in Lancaster, has gone to visit relatives in Wallingford, Vt.

James H. Bolton of Temple University is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bolton. He was elected to the honorary Ryan Chemical society of Temple university Dental college.

A holiday dance will be held at the town hall on Wednesday evening, the 27th, with music by Dick Minotts orchestra of Greenfield. This is sponsored by the Northfield Girl Scout committee and proceeds from the dance will go toward a general fund for the furtherance of Girl Scouting in Northfield. Tickets are on sale at several of the places of business.

This Friday evening there will be a Christmas party in the Unitarian church vestry which will conclude with a candlelight service.

At the Brotherhood meeting Tuesday evening a group of young people came in to enjoy the movie and then under the direction of Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mrs. Donald Williams sang several Christmas carols.

Many of the homes about the town are putting on a festive appearance for the holidays. If the weather is fair some evening, it will be worth ones time to go about and enjoy the decorations.

Miss Sylvia Bliss of East Calais, Vt., is spending the Christmas holiday with Rev. Mary Andrews Conner at her home on Winchester road.

Christmas cards are arriving in town, bearing the postmark of Christmas, Fla. The cancellation in green is that of a Christmas tree. Some of our Northfield neighbors went over to the town bearing that name to do their mailing and the recipients are mighty proud to have the cancellations.

Accompanied by Sam Truesdell and Clifford Bolton, members of the local troop of Boy Scouts went up to their cabin on the Ashuelot road hill for their first outing last Monday evening. They enjoyed a hunters stew for refreshments and had a good time. Other gatherings will follow.

A couple of auto accidents happened in town the past week. Last Sunday afternoon two cars came together at the junction of the two roads at Stearns garage and were badly damaged, necessitating repairs. On Monday a car of a local resident skidded and overturned at the corner of Highland and Holton streets. In both accidents no one suffered injuries.

Samuel E. Walker was summoned to Palmer on Tuesday in the death of his older sister Julia R. Walker, who died after a long illness at the age of 80 years. She was the daughter of Mrs. Cornelia Walker, a niece of Dwight L. Moody. The body was brought to Northfield for burial Thursday in the family plot in center cemetery.

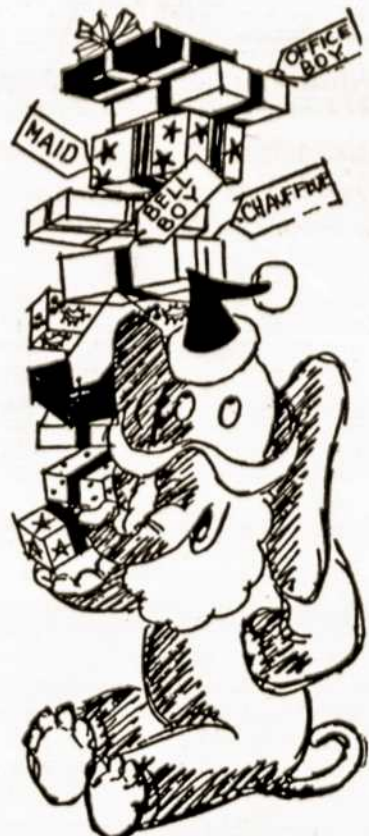
Miss Annie C. Joyce of School street, long a resident of this community died at her home on Monday at the age of 78 years, after a period of illness. The funeral was held Wednesday morning in St. Patrick's church with a requiem high mass and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison M. Wright of East Deerfield, formerly of Northfield are now located for the winter at Punta Gorda, Fla.

Members of Northfield Grange and their families will hold a Christmas party at the close of the regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

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John Stone

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Kenneth Suhl

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Louise Wise

Edgar Walker

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Henry Zmuda

Charles Zinkevics

Teacher: Johnny, can you tell me the difference between perseverance and obstinacy?

Johnny: One is a strong will, and the other is a strong won't.

Jack: Only that little scrap of jam for me?

Mother: That's not for you, that's for sister.

Jack: What! All that for her?

Nit: Don't you know it is bad form to sop up gravy with your bread?

Wit: It may be bad form, but it am mighty good taste.

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BELL'S POULTRY SEASONING	pkg 7c
Del Maiz Cream Style CORN	3 cans 25c
Timely FRUIT COCKTAIL	No. 2 1/2 can 19c
Melrose MARSHMALLOWS	1 lb cello bag 12c
Ji mDandy PEACHES	2 No. 2 1/2 cans 25c
Del Monte SWEET PEAS	2 No. 2 cans 25c
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A Merry Christmas

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- 2 eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup beef suet (ground)
- 2 cups soft bread crumbs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup fruit juice
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. clove
- 2 cups raisins
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup assorted fruit peel

Beat eggs, add suet, crumbs, milk, vanilla and fruit juice. Add fruits mixed with flour and spices. Pour into 3 number 2 size cans that are well greased and steam in thrift cooker in the electric range for 1 1/2 hours. Put 1 cup of water in thrift cooker—turn to high. When steaming turn to low.

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At stone was erected recently
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the West Northfield cemetery.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Misses Ruth Dunklee, Marjorie
Tyler, Elva Martineau and Helen
Scherlin are at their homes for
the holidays.

About twelve young people of
the Northfield Christian Endeavor
society conducted the Sunday
evening service at the South Ver-
non church. Hazel Tenney, who
arrange for their coming, intro-
duced Robert Fuller, who took
charge of the service. There was
a violin solo by Helen Savcheff,
a vocal solo by Marion Allen, and
short talks by Hazel Browning,
Lawrence Marcy, and Robert
Fuller. Ellen Giebel presented the
message of the evening.

Rev. F. L. Piper, D. D. of Mel-
vin Village, N. H. will be the
preacher at the South Vernon
church Sunday morning at 10:30.
Sunday school at 11:45. A group
of young people will have charge
of the evening service at 7. The
church Christmas tree and exer-
cises will be held this Friday
evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week
prayer meeting at the Vernon
Home Thursday at 7.

The Christmas exercises at the
Vernon Union church will be held
this Friday evening.

Miss Divina Coulter is staying
at Mr. and Mrs. William Brunell's
and assisting with the care of the
children.

Mrs. E. W. Scherlin was given
a surprise party at the Vernon
Home Saturday in honor of her
birthday and was presented a
birthday cake. The occasion was
celebrated by her children and
grandchildren at her home Sun-
day. She was also given a post-
card shower.

Ralph Bogue, formerly of
South Vernon, who has been em-
ployed several years at the Mount
Heron powerhouse, has resigned
to take a similar position in Dal-
ton. Mr. Bogue recently passed
the test for an engineer's license.
His family remains at their home
in Gill until the close of the school
year.

Mrs. Theodore Darby, who was
called here by the death of her
father, F. B. Holton, returned
Monday night to her home in
Uncasville, Ct.

Leroy Barnes won the Blakes-
lee trophy for the second time
in succession at the Springfield
Poultry show in Westfield last
week. This trophy is awarded an-
nually for the most points on
single comb white leghorns, and
will go to Mr. Barnes for perma-
nent possession if he wins it again
next year. He also won 1st, 2nd,
and 3rd prizes for pullet, 1st and
2nd for cockerel, and 2nd and
3rd for hen.

There were seven tables at the
card party last Friday evening at
the Pond schoolhouse. First prize
for men was won by a Brattle-
boro man and for ladies by Rosie
Arsenault; door prize by Law-
rence Underwood and consolation
prize by Robert Eddy of Brattle-
boro. Robert J. Allen, Richard
Collier and Arthur Streeter were
the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elie, who
were recently married, were giv-
ing a surprise reception by about
25 friends last Friday at the home
of Mrs. Elie's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Bassett.

Mrs. Clara Pratt has closed her
home and is assisting in a private
home in Athol.

Robert Bruce of Bellows, Falls,
Vt., spent the week-end with his
family here.

Lawrence Underwood who has
been working in Wendell, is now
employed in construction work at
the Vernon Power plant.

Harold Gould, Ernest Bailey,
and Edgar Bruce, with their re-
spective sons, attended a father-
and-son banquet given last week
Wednesday evening by the F. F.
A. chapter of Brattleboro High
School.

Mrs. Walter Edson gave a show-
er at her home last week Wednes-
day evening in honor of Mrs.
Theodore Miller.

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More Of The Hostel Informative News In Second Article

Because we would like to have
our friends in Northfield know in-
timately of what youth hosting is,
and what it is doing, the fol-
lowing paragraphs relating to its
current activities and informative
of its general set-up are submitted
to the "Northfield Press" for the
information of its readers.

Local Committee Meeting

A committee meeting was held
last week at the headquarters
hostel with A. P. Fitt as chairman.
Plans were made for the re-chart-
ering of the hostel by headquar-
ters for 1940. At this time also the
208 other youth hostels in the
United States are holding com-
mittee meetings and making plans
for the year. Through the courtes-
y of the Mount Hermon school,
200 blankets have been loaned to
the youth hostel, and through the
same courtesy on the part of the
Northfield Seminary, 67 blankets
have been loaned to take care of
the boys and girls who will visit
Northfield for the annual Christ-
mas reunion.

Christmas Dinner

Twenty reservations have been
made thus far in response to the
open invitation which the youth
hostel has extended to the people
of this community, to have Christ-
mas dinner at the hostel. The first
stipulation in connection with the
invitation is that reservations be
made as early as possible so that
plans can be made in advance.
Any person is welcome. Dinner
will be at one o'clock, Dec. 25, at
the hostel. Deadline for making
reservation should be twelve noon,
Saturday, Dec. 23 to leave time
for planning the meal.

Local Purchases

The AYH is glad to mention the
fact that it tries in its purchases
to support local merchants. During
the year 1938-39 the AYH spent
its income to a great extent in
Northfield through the purchase
of food, fuel, hardware and
plumbing supplies, and by employ-
ing six full-time local residents.

Purchases from Northfield mer-
chants amounted to \$4300 during
the year ending Sept. 30, 1939.
This figure includes purchases of
milk, eggs, potatoes, from local
dairymen and farmers; fuel for
heating the headquarters building
and the Northfield hostel. In ad-
dition to this, gas, oil, and repairing
of staff automobiles amount to ap-
proximately \$50 a month. No
record is kept of the personal
patronage of the staff of thirty
at local stores, for sundry items.

Overnights

Overnights at the local youth
hostel totaled 3108 during 1939,
according to Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Tate, houseparents. No record is
kept, likewise, of hostellers' pur-
chases from local grocers, drug-
gists, and merchants; their ex-
penditures probably average about
one dollar each.

Parents who come to Northfield
to see their children off on hostel
trips make local expenditures, fre-
quently staying at local inns or
hotels.

Employees

The AYH employs six local resi-

dents full time; salaries paid these
townspeople amount to over \$5000
yearly. During the past year, in
addition to these six full-time
employees, seven part-time assist-
ants were hired as needed, for
house and office work.

Publicity

Nation-wide publicity sent out
by the AYH has advertised North-
field in the pages of the New York
Times, the New York Herald-
Tribune, the Chicago Daily News,
the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and
many other newspapers; in Life
magazine, Newsweek, Parents
magazine, the Rotarian, Woman's
Day, Liberty, and in 1939 about
60 other magazines. The Encyclo-
pedia Britannica Yearbook for 1939
includes an article about North-
field headquarters of the AYH.

The visits of hostellers (such as
the west-to-east group of Rolling
Youth Hostellers who were the
first AYH sponsored group of
West Coasters to visit New Eng-
land) have increased still further
the numbers of people who also
know of Northfield as the center
of youth hosting in America.

—M. S.

TOWN TOPICS

There will be a hearing next
Tuesday evening before the se-
lectionmen at town hall on the pe-
tition of the Western Mass. Elec-
tric Co. and the N. E. Telephone
company on the location of a line
of poles along Wanaquaker road.
Mrs. William R. Moody re-
turned last Sunday from her visit
with her daughters and their
families in New York. She is ex-
pecting that all members of the
family will be at the Homestead
for Christmas tide.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul D. Moody
will not be in Northfield this
Christmas, but instead will have a
family party at their own home
in Middlebury. Their daughter
(Margaret) Mrs. Rice and hus-
band and children will be with
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EDITORIAL

We Extend
To Our Readers



A few days—and Christmas, the birthday of a Saviour. What memories the thought brings to us in the unfolding drama that took place in the hills of Judea, a long while ago. From childhood to old age, the story of Joseph and Mary, and of Bethlehem, is all very real. It grips us in life's pilgrimage, it aids us to understand that life is worth its living. The years may pass by, sorrow and tribulation cross our path but the realization that a Christ was born, meant that such earthly things have the silver lining which hope and faith bring a promise of and make us better for its being. "For unto us a Child is born."

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Know Massachusetts
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Do you know that State and municipal expenditures for general welfare relief in Massachusetts during the first ten months of 1939 were 11 per cent less than in the same part of 1938; the number of relief cases was 8 per cent less. . . . Boston reports 77 new manufacturing and commercial companies in its Metropolitan areas so far this year against 70 in the same period a year ago. . . . The Cranberry industry was founded by the Pilgrims, who found the fruit growing wild upon the shores of Cape Cod. . . . A 50,000 watt radio transmitter is being built at Hull. . . . Some of the first experiments in America with anthracite coal are said to have been carried on in Kingston in the early 19th century. . . . The first coal tar boiling plant in America was established in Chelsea in 1842. . . . Lawrence is the smallest "large" city in the United States, being 6 1/2 square miles. . . . Northfield is one of the most widely known towns in Massachusetts because of the thousands of missionaries it has sent to remote corners of the globe during the past fifty years. . . . The first cattle show in America is said to have been held in Pittsfield in 1810. . . . The city of Worcester's name signified "war castle," which aptly suited the early settlement in its struggle against Indian raids. . . . Boston has the largest drydock in America; it was built by the Commonwealth and later sold the U. S. government. . . . The Pilgrims did not celebrate Christmas and it was not until 1856 that Christmas became a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

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chusetts. . . . The pink granite steps and platforms of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington are from the quarries at Milford. . . . Bunker Hill Monument, completed in 1842, cost \$150,000 which was raised by popular subscription. . . . Massachusetts leads among the states in historical houses, being credited with 132. . . . The "Pledge to the Flag" was written in 1888 by James B. Upham of Malden. . . . Massachusetts shares with Rhode Island the honor of having been first to adopt daylight saving. . . . The census shows nearly 26,600 farms in Massachusetts. . . . Sales of life insurance in Massachusetts during 1939 will exceed \$250,000,000. . . . Cost of living this state is three per cent less than a year ago. . . . Monthly consumption of electric current in the state this year will average 10 per cent more than in 1938. . . . Industrial employment is running about 10 per cent larger than a year ago and payrolls are about 15 per cent larger. . . . Approximately 75,000 people in the state are now employed by the WPA, a substantially less number than a year ago. . . . The Department of Public Works has just issued a new route map of roads in Massachusetts.

Back Yard Gardener

I know it's sort of untimely to talk about pests at Christmas time because at Christmas time everyone is supposed to forget his animosities and think that the other guy is really pretty good. But the pests I am talking about are those which go after plants rather than lounge lizards.

The other night I was out with Mrs. Mae and she was complaining that some of her house plants were on the down-grade. After examining them I found that they were covered with mildew, which seems to be quite common this winter. I told her the best thing was to get a little dusting of sulfur and a small insect duster. . . . On some nice day when it is warm and you can take the plants outdoors or into the back room. I told her I was pretty sure that the dusting sulfur would kill the mildew. And it will do the same for rust which sometimes attacks house plants.

When it comes to insects, probably the most difficult to control and the most common one is the mealy bug. It looks like a little white woolly or felt patch. A regular contact poison like rotenone, nicotine, or pyrethrum will keep it under control. These poisons are best applied as a spray. Or you can simply take equal parts of wood alcohol and water and paint the bugs with this mixture at least once a week until you get them under control.

Another very common insect is the little white fly which flits around. An ordinary insect spray or mosquito spray will put these into the happy hunting ground. Or another way is to take the plant outdoors and brush the insects off and then bring the plant back in before the insects have a chance to find out where they are.

Thrips, aphids or plant lice, and other insects frequently get after house plants and here again you will find that ordinary contact poisons will do the trick.

You can spray, as I said, on a sunny day on the back porch; or if your plants are not too large you can simply put them into the bath tub or the kitchen sink and give them a thorough spraying. Frequently if the infestation isn't too bad, a good spraying with plain water will keep insects pretty well under control. Of course I always say if anything gets too bad, the best method of control is simply to throw the plant away and get a new one.

Now there is one other insect which attacks house plants and that is the little brown scale insect. Many folks confuse this, when it is on ferns, with the spores of the fern. But you can tell the insect spots from the spore spots because the insects are irregular in size and spacing. Here again probably the best control is to paint the insects with the wood alcohol mixture.

Fumigation is sometimes resorted to for controlling the little white flies. But of course for this you have to have an air-tight container under which to put the fumigant and the plant. If you want to try that, you might inquire from your local florist. In fact, I think you will find him perfectly willing to give you suggestions on all these pests.

FASHION On The Air

THE first ladies of the airwaves are just as excited about Christmas as you or your Fashion Sleuth. . . . so here's hoping you'll find gift-list inspiration among these holiday notes from the studios!

Original Christmas gifts are stealing the show all around. . . . Unusual foods, for instance, are up at the top of Mrs. Johnson's shopping list as gifts for those friends who "have everything"—and great was her rejoicing on discovering miniature Mexican tamales and smoked oysters among this year's pantry-shelf "debutantes." . . . Homemade herb jellies are another "good bet" in the same category.

Comedienne Fanny Brice has an even newer idea—earrings of tiny fresh orchids, which, as gifts, just aren't in keeping with her characterization of the mischievous, incorrigible Baby Snooks. . . . To Elsie Hiltz, handkerchiefs are still the thing. After she displayed boxes of them at the "Ellen Randolph" rehearsals, the men voted "yes" for a huge black chiffon scattered with sequins, and Elsie has saved a pretty penny by duplicating it time and again at home.

Myrt and Marge, that fashion-wise mother-and-daughter team, are wearing tiny plastic holly wreaths on their coat lapels. . . . And Mary Jane Higby threatens to outshine even the Christmas decorations with a newly-designed evening costume that boasts a delicate gold paint finish. . . . Her co-members of the "When A Girl Marries" cast, have feared the costume's dazzling effect on them the day after Christmas, but Mary Jane has promised to wash off the finish before broadcasting. . . . And speaking of gold, Elizabeth Reiter of "Young Dr. Malone," hopes to find a gold satin latest swim suit in her Christmas stocking. There really is such a precious thing, all made to measure like a corset!

Arlene Blackburn, playful child that she is, was unable to wait for Santa. She bought herself one of those "new-fashioned" old-fashioned "tea gowns." Gay nineties fashions are now as popular for the boudoir as for the ballroom, and "Pretty Kitty Kelly" looks her very prettiest in the shell-pink chiffon designed along graceful, flowing lines.

At dinner, Betty Jane had eaten the filling of her pie, but had left the crust. When asked why she had not eaten all of her pie, she replied: "Because I don't like the running board."

1st Pilot: It makes me cross to be told I haven't enough altitude!
2nd Ditto: It makes me soar, too!

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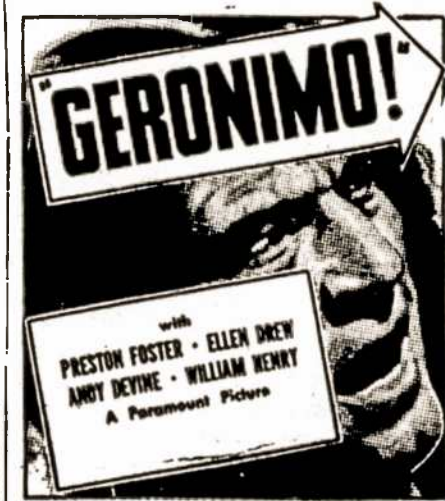
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